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Ms. Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
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Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

2004-00380

Kentucky Rural Water Association hosted three (3) regional meetings during the month of July, 2004. We request that his training be approved for commissioners as referenced in HB-75, KRS 74.020.

Please find enclosed a training summary for these meetings which includes a timed agenda, a description of the sessions, and speaker biographies. Two (2) hours of continuing education credit was approved by the Division of Water for drinking water treatment and distribution operators. A copy of their approval is also enclosed.

As required, KRWA has retained a record of all persons requesting commissioner training hours for the sessions. No written materials were provided to the attendees during these regional meetings.

With this letter and enclosures, Kentucky Rural Water Association is requesting the approval of two (2) hours per session for commissioner and board member training. If additional information is requested, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Phillip East
Phillip East
Education Services Director

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Enclosures

Kentucky Rural Water Association – Regional Meeting

Course Title: Green River Regional Meeting
Location: East Daviess Water Association - Knottsville, Kentucky
Date: July 15, 2004

Division of Water Assigned Course Number: DCA #2404

Learning Objectives:

The objective is to discuss the regulations affecting the operation of water treatment and distribution systems. Operators will learn how federal requirements are used to create state regulations and the importance of becoming familiar with the regulations to assure a quality product and maintain confidence with the consumers.

Criteria for Training Credits:

Following a meal, the training portion of the meeting will be conducted from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Operators will be granted credit for actual time attending or participating in the training sessions. The maximum number of training credit hours for this meeting will be two (2) hours.

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Presenters: Phillip East, Kentucky Rural Water Association
Clem Wethington, Kentucky Rural Water Association

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1. The importance of regulations
2. Regulatory requirements and public relations
3. How the regulations impact operations and costs
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BIOGRAPHY

Phillip N. East

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Mr. East earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin and has completed graduate work in Public Administration at South West Texas State University at San Marcos, Texas.

In addition to having been a member of the Capital Area Water and Wastewater Association in Texas, the Texas Water Utilities Association, and the American Water Works Association, Mr. East currently holds water treatment certification in Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky at the highest available technical levels.

Phillip and his wife, Joyce, reside with their son, Jeffrey, in Allen County, Kentucky. Another son, Jonathon, lives in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and daughter, Kimberly, lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Kentucky Rural Water Association – Regional Meeting

Course Title: Northeast Regional Meeting
Location: Ponderosa Steak House - Morehead, Kentucky
Date: July 20, 2004

Division of Water Assigned Course Number: DCA #2405

Learning Objectives:

Operators and decision makers will learn the importance of having someone on site during construction of water system components. They will also discuss the regulations affecting the operation of water treatment and distribution systems. Operators will learn how federal requirements are used to create state regulations and the importance of becoming familiar with the regulations to assure a quality product and maintain confidence with the consumers.

Criteria for Training Credits:

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Topic 1: Quality Control During Construction
Presenter: Harold A. "Tony" Robertson, Intersteel, Inc.

This session will provide one (1) hour of training and will focus on the responsibility of water system personnel and inspectors during construction of facilities and distribution systems. The presentation will include:

1. Maintaining quality during construction of treatment plants and extensions
2. Role of the water system manager and decision makers
3. Role of an independent quality control inspector
4. The importance of accurate record keeping and O&M manuals

Topic 2: Proposed Changes to Chapter 8 Water Regulations
Presenter: Clem Wethington, Kentucky Rural Water Association

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Harold A. "Tony" Robertson

Tony Robertson has been one of the Quality Control Supervisors for Intersteel, Inc. for the past 18 years. During that time he has directed and inspected the construction of facilities in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. His responsibilities include assuring that contractors use specified materials and installation practices and abide by all requirements of federal or state regulations and construction specification documents. He has also been involved in the actual construction, pressure testing, and collection of water samples of new water distribution lines.

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Course Title: Western Regional Meeting
Location: Ponderosa Steak House - Draffenville, Kentucky
Date: July 22, 2004

Division of Water Assigned Course Number: DCA #2406

Learning Objectives:

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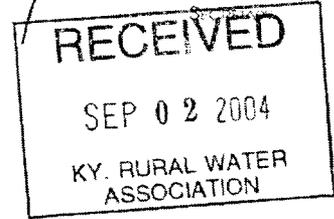
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August 24, 2004

Clem Wethington
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Dear Mr. Wethington

During the August 17, 2004 meetings of the Kentucky Boards of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators, your request for approval of the following courses was evaluated. The Board approved these courses for the hours listed below:

Course Title:	DCA Event Id Number	Hours Approved
Green River Regional Meeting	2404	Two Hours for Drinking Water Only
Northeast Regional Meeting	2405	Two Hours for Drinking Water Only
Western Regional Meeting	2406	Two Hours for Drinking Water Only
Radio Read Meter Systems/Water Accountability/Sampling and Recording	2407	Twelve Hours for Drinking Water Only

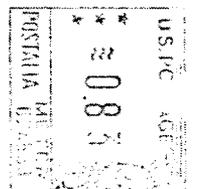
July Reg. Mtgs.
Sept 14-15, 2004

The hours from this course will be credited to each operator's computerized training record upon receipt of the above named rosters. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Operator Certification Section at (502) 564-3410.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Weber
Operator Certification Section
Division of Compliance Assistance





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